

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1, 2 and 4 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Entry of Amendment

Since the present amendment includes the rewriting of claim 1 to include limitations of dependent claim 3, Applicants submit that entry of the amendment and full consideration thereof is proper and is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claim 3 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Although not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 3. Accordingly, claims 1, 2 and 4 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 3 and suggested adding the word "redundant" in line 3 of that claim. By way of the present amendment, Applicants have cancelled claim 3 and included this language in claim 1. Applicants have made this change by adding the language to claim 1. Accordingly, this objection is overcome.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Pua et al. (US Published Application 2002/0147882). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

First, claim 5 has been cancelled rendering this part of the rejection moot.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include limitations of claim 3, which was not included in this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 now overcomes this rejection, as indicated by the Examiner.

Claims 2 and 4 depend from claim 1 and as such are also considered to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all of the claims are now allowable as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

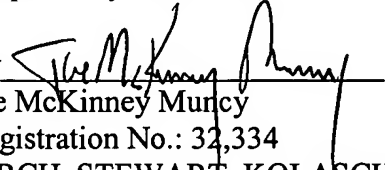
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse, Reg. No. 27,295, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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